

**AUTHORIZES WILSON BEGIN
NEW TREATY NEGOTIATION**

Congressman Hal D. Flood Will Introduce Resolution Upon Return to Washington.

SAYS KNOX RESOLUTION NULL

Ranking Democratic Member of Foreign Affairs Committee Attends Hearings in Richmond on West Virginia Debt Case.

President Wilson authorized to begin new treaty negotiations with Germany and the other nations engaged in the European war under a resolution introduced yesterday by Mr. Wilson, ranking Democratic member of the committee on Foreign Affairs, with introduce in the House as soon as possible the resolution named to allow distribution of funds held by the State and West Virginia bond commissioners except to ratify the national capital within the next few days and will immediately ascertain whether or not independent negotiations between the two countries and the various Democrats in the lower house of Congress.

AVERS KNOX RESOLUTION NULL

He considers the Knox resolution, which demands a meeting in the United States of all rights, interests, information, and news pertaining to our country, and has proposed to the Foreign Affairs Committee a bill to prohibit the president from concluding a separate peace with Germany.

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**Today and Tonight
in Richmond**

West Virginia debt case hearing before special commissioner, Judge E. Scott, room 302, Mutual Building at 10:30.

Lenten services at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 1.

Southern Conference Federation at Jefferson Hotel at 8:30.

Association of Methodist Episcopal Women, at Centenary Church at 8:30.

James River Garden Club, at 504 West Franklin Street, at 6.

William and Mary Alumni Association, at Harts-Phippen's, at 7.

Athletic League players, managers and officials, at Harts-Phippen's store, at 8.

Lenten Mission, at Christ Episcopal Church, at 8.

Richmond Suburban Association, at Forest Hill School, at 8:30.

Company B, R. I. L. Blues, at Blues' Armory, at 8:30.

Pitburgh Lee Camp, Spanish War Veterans, at Gray's Armory, at 8:30.

Lyrics—8:30, 7:45, 9:30.

Strains—Dark.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Legion of officers will feature a meeting of the South Richmond Suburban Association, at the schoolroom of Mrs. John C. Hirschberg, at 8:30.

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**SWORE FALSELY TO AGE OF
BRIDE: IS ASSESSED \$50**

Thomas A. Wasterman Took Oath That Miss Marshall, 18, Was 21.

Thomas A. Wasterman, Jr., was given a \$50 fine costs yesterday in Police Court on a charge of swearing falsely to the age of Miss Dorothy Jeanette Marshall, when Jessie L. Heyer procured a license to marry her, according to the testimony. Wasterman said that Miss Marshall was 21 years of age, while he is really being only 18.

The marriage took place the same day the license was procured and the alleged deception was not discovered until too late, it is declared. George W. Marshall, the father of Miss Marshall, was complainant in the case.

MENEFFEE IS CITED

Distinguished Himself at Molleville, France—Awarded Croix de Guerre.

General Jo Lane Stern received the war record of First Lieutenant Marvin J. Meneffe, of Luray, Va., who is in Walter Reed Hospital at Washington. He was cited for gallantry during the latter part of the war.

Miss Alice M. Durham and Miss Hattie M. Hanner, members of the Social Service Federation, will be at the Legion of the American Hotel, Mrs. Durham will be in charge of the Red Cross and Miss Hanner will take charge of the Y.W.C.A. as a community problem.

Richmond Lee Camp, Spanish War Veterans, will be in town Saturday evening to attend the annual meeting.

Police are looking for a thief who burglarized the office of Mr. J. Michael, 102 Main Street, and of Mr. W. G. McElroy, 104 West Main Street.

Members of Company B, Richmond Light Infantry, will be at the regular weekly meeting in the company room in the Armory tonight at 8 o'clock.

Method of raising of men through the Adjutant-General was discussed at the meeting.

Plans for reorganization of Company B, Richmond Guards, were discussed at the meeting. The Gray Armory last night.

The general meeting will be held tonight to obtain recruits and to sign up the old members of the organization.

MACHINE GUN MEN MEET

Bug Stockwell Company Makes Sure Progress in Drill

Members of the Bug Stockwell Machine Gun Company held their regular weekly meeting last night in the Gray Armory. The company is making rapid progress in the drilling of the men. It was announced last night that the officers are much pleased with the work.

William W. Polkstock is captain of the gun. Captain Polkstock was

awarded the rank of first lieutenant

and William C. West, second lieuten-

tant, was promoted to first sergeant.

Capt. H. G. Dearhardt, mess ser-

geant; Capt. H. Hopkins, mess ser-

geant; Capt. W. W. Johnson, mess ser-

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